personnel and the increasing demand .for admissions.

"Environmental clearance for man-jore medium irrigation project"

1309. SHRI BASANT KUMAR DAS: Will the Minister of ENVIRON MENT AND FORESTS be pleased to slate:

(a) whether Government of Orissa has approached the Central Govern ment for aprpoval for removal of trees for construction of the Manjore Medium Irrigation project in Dhan-kanal district of Orissa; and

(b) if so, when his Ministry was aproached and whether Government have accorded its aprpoval thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IN-DEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No such proposal has been received in this Ministry.

(b) Does not arise.

Suicide by a Central School student due to punishment by principal and teachers

1310. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOP MENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in March, 1991 a student of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Rewari committed suicide allegedly due to physical punishment given by some teachers and the principal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any preliminary enquiry has been ordered/undertaken in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) It is a fact that Master Sanjay Yadav died on 14-3-1991. The matter is being enquired into.

Woollen Carpet export units

1311. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the withdrawal of Cash Compensatory Support from the 1st July, about 10,000 hand knotted woollen carpet export units are facing closure;

(b) if so, whether Government would reconsiderr the continuance of Cash Compensatory Support to this carpet trade; and

(c) if not, what steps Government propose to adopt to help the exporting units in this industry

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDE-PENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Government is not considering such a proposal at present. However, it is expected that the recent exchange rate adjustment *visa-vis* the rupee and the enhanced replenishment Licenses will have an overall positive impact on carpet exports.

Leather exports

1312. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleas ed to state:

(a) what is India's share in the global leather trade and what is the total amount of leather exported during the year 1990-91;

(b) whether Government propose to export Rs. 10,000 crores worth of leather by the end of this century; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHAREGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) On the basis of latest data available (upto 1988) on world trade in leather and leather goods, India's share in the global leather trade is around 3.5 per cent. The total value of leather and leather products exported during 1990-91 is Rs. 2553.85 crores.

(b) and (c) According to projections worked out by the Council for Leather exports from this sector are expected to cross Rs. 6300 crores by 1994-95. Based on these projections it is expected that by the end of the century, export would reach the level of about Rs. 10.000 crores. The Council proposes to achieve these targets by upgrading the design and product quality and by intensifying export promotional and marketing efforts in thrust markets.

Study of cost and fair selling price of yarns by BICP

1313. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has asked the BICP from time to time to carry out study of cost and fair selling price studies of various man-made and synthetic filament yarns and staple fibres;

(b) whether his Ministry has also asked BICP to carry out such study in respect of Viscose Filament Yarn and blended yarn also as repeatedly requested by user industries; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefore and how does Government project the interest of the consumer in the absence of such a study.

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) It is true that Government has entrusted BICP to undertake cost and fair selling price studies on various manmade and synthetic staple fibres and filament yarn including Viscose Filament Yarn. No such study has been entrusted to BICP for blended yam. However, Government has an open mind about these studies and the study in respect of blended yarn could also be taken at an appropriate stage, if situation so demands.

Import of Synthetic Man-made fabrics under OGL

1314. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether Government are considering import of synthetic/man-made fabrics under OGL, for selling these items through Public Distribution Systems with a view to bringing pressure on the high retail prices of these fabrics;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the interest of the consumers are not adversely affected by keeping only the man-made fibres yarns under OGL while the fabrics are not allowed to be imported at reasonable levels of duties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) On account of the fact that enough weaving capacity exists in the country and the vulnerable decentralised sector is engaged in weaving industry employing a large number of work force, the import of fabrics is not placed under OGL. The extension of facility to import raw material like man-dame fibres|yarns under OGL should appropriately safeguard the interests of the consumers.